

KAISER WILHELM'S SPEECH

OPENING THE PRUSSIAN DIET IN A BUSINESS-LIKE MANNER.

MATTERS OF FINANCE AND INTERNAL REFORMS DWELT UPON—PROPOSED MEASURES FOR THE RELIEF OF FARMERS AND WORKINGMEN.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—The Prussian Diet was opened to-day. The speech opening the session said that the Emperor King much joy to announce that the foreign relations of Germany were good in every quarter. The speech was chiefly devoted to matters of internal reform, the income tax, the acquisition of private railways, and the establishment of leasehold estates for the benefit of small farmers. The Emperor also expressed the hope that lasting peace would be established between the mine-owners and their employees.

The Emperor in his speech expressed profound sorrow for the death of Dower Empress Augusta and paid a high tribute to her charity.

The finances of Prussia, the Emperor said, are in a favorable condition. Although the revenue for the next few fiscal years is not expected to equal that of 1889, the expenses will not be decreased. The matricular contributions for 1891 will be largely increased. The present favorable conditions do not free the Government from relieving the future by increasing the redemption of the National debt. The charges and salaries of officials, especially of the lower and middle ranks, and the expenses incurred in the interest of art, science and agriculture, will be increased. A bill providing for a reform in taxation by extending the scope of the measure of 1889 to the income tax, and of transferring the real property tax to the combined communal districts, will be submitted. A bill will also be submitted for the purchase of private railways and for the extension of the State railway network.

The harvest of 1889 was deficient, but owing to the Imperial customs arrangements regarding agriculture, it is hoped the effects of the shortage will be overcome without permanent prejudice. A bill will be introduced providing increased facilities for the purchase of agricultural estates, or for acquiring a life interest in them, and for the redemption of mortgages on such estates.

The Emperor said that the Government had endeavored to remove the workers' grievances, and hoped the strikes would not recur. The Government was always willing to attend to workers' complaints and demands, but it would promptly suppress disorder. The Emperor expressed the belief that the artisan class would constantly locate on good ground for their part, he thought, could be found in the successful operation of the system of workmen's insurance, in which the Government was profoundly interested, and also in the recent improvement in the rate of wages.

At the conclusion of the speech there were loud "Heehs!" under the lead of Count von Rattibor, President of the Diet.

EMIN SUFFERS A RELAPSE

THE KHEDIVE CONFERRING DECORATIONS ON STANLEY AND HIS LIEUTENANTS.

Cairo, Jan. 15.—Emin has had a relapse and is now in a critical condition.

The Khedive has conferred the order of the Medjidieh of the fourth class upon Dr. Parke, A. M. Jephson, Captain Nelson and Lieutenant Stars, and the same order of the fifth class upon Mr. Bony, all of the Stanley expedition.

The Khedive yesterday conferred upon Mr. Stanley the Medjidieh decoration. Mr. Stanley said that Emin Pacha was animated with a desire to serve the Egyptian Government, and that some appointment would be the best medicine for him. The Khedive assenting, Mr. Stanley suggested that Emin be employed in a purely administrative capacity at Suakin, and that his position would be to coordinate the natives. Emin, he said, would be invaluable with a strong executive in other hands. The Khedive promised to telegraph Emin Pacha.

Mr. Stanley spoke enthusiastically of all his own officers. The terms upon which the Sudan was abandoned he said amounted to a complete victory. He said that the Sudan was a desert, and that the Nile was the only source of life. The Khedive's decision of leaving the Nile to the British, and the Nile to the British, was a great victory. The Khedive's decision of leaving the Nile to the British, and the Nile to the British, was a great victory.

PORTUGUESE FEELING AGAINST ENGLAND.

Lisbon, Jan. 15.—At 1 o'clock this morning the police arrested several persons who were parading the streets and shouting "Down England!"

The Duke of Palmela, Captain of the King's Guard, has been ordered to the British Legation. The Duke of Palmela, Captain of the King's Guard, has been ordered to the British Legation. The Duke of Palmela, Captain of the King's Guard, has been ordered to the British Legation.

IMAGINARY OUTLINES OF A TREATY.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 15.—The Minister of Justice says that the story telegraphed from Ottawa regarding the Dominion Government having just received from Lord Salisbury a copy of the proposed extradition treaty with the United States, and outlines of the text of the offences made extraditable by the treaty, is a pure invention.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN AUSTRIA.

Vienna, Jan. 15.—Several earthquake shocks were felt in Carinthia last night. The movement was from the southeast to the northwest. A performance was being given at the theatre in Klagenfurt when the shocks were felt. A false alarm of fire was raised. The cause of the shocks is not known.

KEEPING THE CHURCH OUT OF POLITICS.

Rome, Jan. 15.—The Pope has issued an encyclical which sets forth the principles which shall guide Catholics in their relations toward the state, which the encyclical says, they must obey when such a course does not entail disobedience to divine laws. In countries where the state is Catholic, Catholics must combat the enemy, but must not let the church to any political party.

TSGHOGORIN BEATEN IN THE NINTH GAME.

Havana, Jan. 15.—The ninth game in the great chess match took place to-day. It was begun with the Evans gambit. The contest lasted four hours and twenty-five minutes, and forty-five moves were made. Tschigorin was forced to resign.

TURKISH AND MEXICAN BONDS STOLEN.

London, Jan. 15.—An extensive robbery of Turkish priority bonds and Mexican National Bank shares has occurred. The securities were stolen while in transit from Paris to London.

THE NEW CRUISE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

Gibraltar, Jan. 15.—The United States Squadron of Evolution sailed from this port to-day. It will visit Cadiz, Cádiz, Barcelona, Toulon, Trieste, Malta and Algiers, and will return here.

FAILURE OF FOREIGN BANKERS.

London, Jan. 15.—Artola Brothers, foreign bankers, with houses in London, Paris and Madrid, have been declared bankrupts. Their liabilities are £200,000.

THE BIG AND LITTLE ALEXANDERS.

Belgrade, Jan. 15.—The Emperor sent to King Alexander a gracious autograph letter and his portrait.

PHILADELPHIA REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Philadelphia, Jan. 15.—At the Republican city convention to-day Charles F. Warrick was nominated for City Solicitor and John Taylor was nominated for Mayor.

DON CARLOS PLOTTING A RISING IN SPAIN.

Paris, Jan. 15.—Intelligence has been received here that Don Carlos, the Spanish Pretender, who is now at Graz, Austria, is plotting a rising in Spain.

GRATZ, JAN. 15.—DON CARLOS HAS AN INTERVIEW WITH HIS BROTHER DON ALFONSO IN THIS CITY FOR THE

THE EARL OF EUSTON'S LIBEL SUIT.

SEVERAL WITNESSES TESTIFY AGAINST HIS LORDSHIP, BUT HE DENIES IT ALL.

London, Jan. 15.—The case of the Earl of Euston against Mr. Parke, Editor of "The North London Press," for criminal libel in charging that the Earl was implicated in the West End scandals, came up for trial in the Old Bailey to-day. Sir Charles Russell, counsel for the Earl of Euston, opened the case, and said he would prove that Mr. Parke had published a libel.

Mr. Lockwood, of counsel for the defence, in reply censured Sir Charles for withholding the Earl of Euston from cross-examination at the preliminary hearing until the evidence for the defence had been given. Mr. Lockwood declared that the Earl had shared going into the witness-box, and preferred to rely upon Sir Charles's attack upon the witnesses for the defence, who were necessarily tainted.

A coal dealer, one O'Loughlin, living twenty-seven yards from Hammond's house on Cleveland-st., a railway porter named Grimes, a barman named O'Loughlin, and Hannah Vorgan, living opposite Hammond's, were called to identify the Earl of Euston as the person who had been at Hammond's house at the time of the libel.

Sir Charles committed upon the witness O'Loughlin, and declared that their identification of the Earl was false.

The Earl of Euston testified that, with the exception of the time when in consequence of receiving the post, he had been at Hammond's house, he had never been there. He said he had never been at Hammond's house, and that he had never been at Hammond's house.

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THE "GRIPPE" HOLDS ON IN EUROPE.

London, Jan. 15.—Dr. Evans has cancelled all his engagements in London and in the provincial towns in consequence of the influenza.

The Princess of Wales is better.

Dublin, Jan. 15.—Mr. Jaffar has recovered and to-day received some deputations at the castle.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—The influenza is increasing in Southern Germany. Many deaths have occurred from the disease, and the schools have been closed in various places.

CHILI APPROVES THE CONTRACT.

Santiago de Chili, Jan. 15, via Galveston.—At a secret session on January 13, the senate approved of the arrangement concluded by the Government of Chili and the British and German companies for the Peruvian nitrate.

London, Jan. 15.—Edward Walsh, Mayor of Wexford, and proprietor of the newspaper, "The People," has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment for publishing a libelous article.

TANNING HIDES BY ELECTRICITY.

Havana, Jan. 15.—A tanner of this city has discovered an electrical process by which he is able to tan hides of the largest size in sixty hours.

LIABILITIES ALMOST WHOLLY ON FORGOTTEN PAPER.

Kingston, N. Y., Jan. 15 (Special).—The Lord of the manor, the estate and organ dealer at Shoham in the Catholicks, has confessed to various forgeries on business paper and his total indebtedness is still estimated at \$20,000. He is sick in bed, but receives all his creditors and visitors, and freely explains the situation to each. He says that when he sold a piano or organ on time he took a note from the buyer. This note he then duplicated three or four times as best he could. This paper he negotiated successfully and in this way he secured his large liabilities. The paper he used was of the quality of the paper used by the Lord of the manor.

THE INSTRUCTOR WILL HAVE TO GET OUT. New Haven, Jan. 15 (Special).—The trouble between Professor Frederick R. Honey and the directors of the Sheffield Scientific School concerning the use of certain drawing instruments has been practically settled. The directors have agreed to purchase the instruments from the professor.

THE GLASSWORKERS' STRIKE IN NEW-JERSEY. Paterson, N. J., Jan. 15 (Special).—The backbone of the strike is broken, said a well informed man at Bridgeport today, when he learned that Moore Brothers had successfully started their second glass factory at Clayton this morning. The 400 strikers throughout South Jersey have been anxiously watching the works at Clayton. Moore Brothers accepted to all the demands of the strikers, excepting that they would sign no papers, saying they should "screw" their own business. The strikers have been out since last summer and have had a hard fight for existence.

EFFECT OF MONDAY'S STORM IN NEW-YORK. Medina, N. Y., Jan. 15.—Monday's storm caused damage in this county estimated at \$25,000. Peach and apple orchards suffered severely. Fritz Lihle, a German employed in Holloway's quarry, was blown off the cliff into a pond and drowned.

SEVERE IN THIS LAKE REGION THAT IT BLOWN DOWN THE ROOF. A portion of the roof and the roof of the Methodist Episcopal Church building in this place. The damage was over \$3,000. While the building was undamaged a Cleveland and Thurman flag was displayed from the south end of the roof. The flag was blown down and now the building gets another rap.

ST. LOUIS, JAN. 15.—A FIRE BROKE OUT BETWEEN 5 AND 6 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING IN THE THIRD STORY OF THE EXTENSIVE DRY-GOODS AND NOTION STORE OF D. C. CRAWFORD & CO., AT BROADWAY AND FRANKLIN AVENUE, AND BEFORE THE FIREMEN COULD SUBDUCE THE FLAMES ABOUT \$100,000 WORTH OF GOODS WERE DESTROYED AND A PART OF THE ROOF OF THE BUILDING COLLAPSED, CAUSING THE DEATH OF TWO MEN.

A COSTLY RESIDENCE BURNED. Minneapolis, Jan. 15.—The new residence of A. N. Merriek, at Nicollet and Hennepin, was burned at 10 o'clock this morning. Loss, \$12,000; insurance, \$10,000. The house cost \$20,000 and was at that time the finest residence in the city. It was filled with valuable articles of vertu and a costly library which are mostly ruined.

THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY DEFEATED.

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 15.—The suit brought by the Standard Oil Company really the Standard Oil Company to prevent the city from issuing \$75,000 in bonds in order to pipe its own gas has gone in favor of the city. The proceedings of the city were declared lawful and constitutional in all particulars.

TO FIX THE MIXERS' SCALE AT COLUMBUS.

Chicago, Jan. 15 (Special).—The Indiana Coal Miners' Association at its annual meeting in Terre Haute decided to take no action in regard to the Brazil mining troubles. President Penn was asked what he thought of the action of the Brazil Coal Miners' Association who have given notice that no scale of prices fixed in convention will be recognized. He said: "We intended to make the scale at this convention. There will be a scale made at Columbus next week which they will be compelled to pay."

PUBLIC WORKS WILL BE DELAYED.

Louisville, Jan. 15.—The planing mill of G. C. Moody & Co. was burned this morning. The loss was \$25,000, which is fully covered by insurance. The firm had contracts for woodwork on the new Custom House and other public buildings which will be delayed in consequence.

THE APPEAL IN THE FAULKNER CASE.

Boston, Jan. 15.—The appeal in the Faulkner bank wrecking case, which was expected to be ready for the Albany term of the United States Court, will not be heard until the March term at Utica, counsel for the defendant being unable to have the testimony printed in time.

ANOTHER SUBWAY EXPLOSION.

AN ELECTRIC WIRE THE CAUSE THIS TIME.

SIXTH-AVE GETS A LITTLE SHOCK—THE MANHOLE COVERS, HOWEVER, STAY WHERE THEY BELONG.

The second subway explosion in Sixth-ave, within a few hours, occurred last night, when there were upheavals at Sixth and Seventh-sts., but the disturbances were so slight as to attract little attention and cause no excitement. Even if persons had been standing over the subway manholes where the upheavals were noticed they would not have been hurt, as the manhole covers were not raised into the air and the paving stones about the manholes were displaced only a few inches. The weakness of the explosion undoubtedly was due to the fact that there was a big vent in the subway at Fourteenth-st., where the explosion occurred on Saturday night. Workmen were still busy yesterday repairing the walls of the wrecked manhole in front of Macy's dry-goods store, but when they quit work at nightfall the iron covering of the hole was not ready to be set in place. If the manhole there had been closed last night the explosion further up the avenue would have been more violent.

There was no mystery about the latest explosion. The gas in the subway was ignited by an overheated electric light, a minute before the upheavals the electric light pole on the northeast corner of Sixth-ave and Seventeenth-st. was seen to be on fire. Persons in Newton's optician's store looked out and noticed the burning pole, but they did not hear the explosion. Policemen Callahan, of the Nineteenth Precinct, was in the avenue, and he saw that the fire leading from the subway to the light on the pole was ablaze. Probably the wire had been overheated by an excessive current, and the insulating covering of the wire had caught fire. The wire was exposed up to the pole above the lamp. The blaze continued to increase in size for about a minute and then the explosion occurred and the electric light went out. At that time the pole was about 100 feet from the southeast corner where the subway manhole was. 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